



## **King County**

### **Veterans' Program**

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### **King County Veterans' Program Advisory Board**

#### **Meeting Summary**

**December 21, 2010**

**10:30 am – Noon**

#### **Bellevue Community College Community Center**

### **Call to Order**

King County Advisory Board, Co- Chair Doug Hoople called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

### **Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:** Rick Woodruff, Doug Hoople, Lyle Stevenson, Eugene Vojir, Ray Tomlinson, Art Dammkoehler,

### **Board Members Excused/Absent:**

Bill Metcalf, Debra Wood, Bill Wood, Roger Welles, Eddie Jensen, Harry Brown, Carroll Fisher, Stan Gunno, Thomas Leonard, David Waggoner

### **County Staff Present:**

Fred Steele DCHS – King County Veterans Program  
Frank Pratt DCHS – King County Veterans Program  
Rita Sanchez DCHS – King County Veterans Program  
Joel Estey DCHS – King County Veterans Program

### **Guest Present:**

Tom Schumacher –Washington State Department of Veterans' Affairs

### **Review of Meeting Summary**

**ACTION:** Not enough members for quorum.

### **Committee Reports**

Appeals: No Appeals

Budget & Finance: No reports, Budget committee did not meet.

Programs: Program Committee will be meeting sometime in December. Rick Woodruff reminded the Advisory Board to submit ideas or suggestions for future committee consideration.

Monthly Reports: Fred Steele – introduced Director of Behavioral Health Programs, Tom Schumacher (WDVA) who discussed the King County Veterans' contracted PTSD program. This program, funded by King County and Washington state, provides effective prevention and intervention for those veterans most at risk and most in need to prevent or reduce acute



illness, high risk behaviors impacted by war and post traumatic stress disorders in veterans and their families. The program services over 520 patients each year in King County, approximately 300 of which are new clients. Family members make up one half of initial intakes. Tom emphasized that many services offered by King County PTSD Program are not offered by the VA Medical Centers or Vet Centers.

Fred Steele - introduced Frank Pratt Lead Social Worker, Renton KCVP office. Frank discussed some of the services offered at the Renton KCVP. These services include the semi-monthly veteran's orientation workshop, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual King County Veterans Job Resource Fair, housing referrals to Solid Ground and Valley Cities, permanent housing placements with partner agencies including Renton Compass Center and Renton KCVP based WDVA/VFW Claims Representative to help with claims for service connected disabilities, survivor benefits, burial, and non-service connected pensions.

Fred Steele - Discussed the financial services for the Veterans Program and provided background information regarding services for the King County Veterans Program. The total program statistics were compared for the first eleven months of 2010 to the first eleven months of 2009. Total number of office visits to the Seattle office has decreased over the previous year by 9.7 %, but if compared to the Renton office and all the Satellite locations, the total number of office visits has increased over the past year. The statistical analysis also confirmed the need to increase client visits at the Renton KCVP WorkSource site. The number of female veterans increased 16% in the first eleven months of 2010 over the same period in 2009 and confirms the strength of the program in serving previously underserved populations.

The budget for the first 11 months of 2010 indicates a slight surplus and sufficient resources to fully fund the remaining month of 2010 for direct financial assistance for KCVP veterans.

Levy: No reports

Speaking engagements: No speaking engagement reports

Publicity: Post an announcement in the Newspaper and/or KCVP website for the upcoming election and business meeting in February.

Legislative: No legislative and finance reports

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

None

## **Next Meeting**

January 18, 2011

**Good of the Order**

Bill Wood is doing well and was discharged from the Hospital.

Flu Shots available at the VA

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.